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SUBJ: ECONADS: MEETING OF HEADS OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

REF: USNATO 822

1. ECONADS MEETING FEB 20-21, REINFORCED BY ECONOMIC RESEARCH CHIEFS FROM NATO CAPITALS, HAD USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE AND FUTURE WORK PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. ALL PARTICIPANTS FROM CAPITALS AGREED THAT COMMITTEE WORK ON USSR, EASTERN EUROPE, AND EAST-WEST ECONOMIC ISSUES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT. THEY EXPRESSED VIEW THERE SHOULD BE NO MAJOR CHANGE IN FOCUS OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE'S WORK, BUT SUGGESTED MORE EMPHASIS BE GIVEN TO PROBLEM AND ISSUE STUDIES RATHER THAN FREQUENT COUNTRY ANALYSES TO CONFORM MORE CLOSELY TO WORK BEING CARRIED OUT IN CAPITALS. SMALLER COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR (DENMARK, ITALY, NETHERLANDS) SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR VERY LIMITED RESEARCH RESOURCES, CONFIDENTIAL

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ECONAD REPORTS WERE IMPORTANT AS ASSESSMENT FOR THEIR POLICY MAKERS.

2. PARTICIPANTS REVIEWED STUDY TOPICS SUGGESTED IN MEETING

AGENDA (A/127-D/502(REVISED) AND ANNEX) TO IDENTIFY SUBJECTS OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO ALLIES AND ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR FUTURE STUDIES BY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. WHILE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT ALL ITEMS ON AGENDA WERE IMPORTANT AND OF INTEREST TO ALLIANCE, THEY FELT TOPICS SHOULD BE DEFINED MORE PRECISELY AND LIMITED TO AREAS THAT CAPITALS, COMMITTEE AND ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE HAVE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS.

3. ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREED FOLLOWING GENERAL SUBJECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

A. HOW SOVIETS ARE REACTING TO PRESENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE WEST.

B. GNP ESTIMATES OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

C. IMPACT OF HIGHER OIL PRICES AND INFLATION ON BLOC COUNTRIES.

D. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STUDIES OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING INTRA-BLOC PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS.

E. DEVELOPMENTS IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BOTH WITHIN COMECON AND EAST-WEST.

F. CERTAIN SECTORIAL STUDIES, SUCH AS RAW MATERIALS.

G. EXTENDED ANALYSIS OF SOVIET DEFENSE BURDEN TO INCLUDE UTILIZATION OF MANPOWER, RESOURCES SHARES OF INDUSTRY, CONCENTRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND MANAGEMENT, ET AL.

H. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES FROM EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

I. ALLIED EXPERIENCE WITH JOINT COMMISSIONS.

4. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WILL DRAFT AND SUBMIT TO COMMITTEE REPORT ON FEB 20-21 MEETING, INCLUDING PRIORITY OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE STUDY. ECONADS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MODIFY DEFINITION AND PRIORITY OF TOPICS. MCAULIFFE

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